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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 12-18 and 21-25.

In claim 6, line 1, change "method" to – apparatus --,

In claim 7, line 1, change "method" to – apparatus --,

In claim 8, line 2, change "27" to – 9 --.

- 2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 12-18 and 21-25 drawn to an invention non-elected without traverse (response filed March 28, 2002). Accordingly, claims 12-18 and 21-25 have been cancelled.
- 3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ian J. Lobo whose telephone number is (703) 306-4161. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday Friday, 6:30 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas H. Tarcza can be reached on (703) 306-4171. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Ian J. Lobo Primary Examiner Art Unit 3662